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ABSTRACT

Introducing middle school students (grades 6-8) to the joy of writing, this book presents ideas, practical lessons, examples, games, and resources. Step-by-step guidelines and helpful tips for educators are combined with numerous writing and prewriting activities for students--from "braindancing" and "zoom lens" to "downhilling." The book is organized according to the writing process, so that teachers can easily find activities on whatever piece of the writing process they want to explore with their students. Each of the 39 activities has a brief introduction, with an appropriate epigraph, and a bit of history or some idea to present to students. This is followed by the instructions, in the form of handouts, to give to students. Chapters in the book are (1) "Deciding What to Write About"; (2) "Planning"; (3) "Getting the Words to Flow on Paper"; (4) "Nonfiction Workshop"; (5) "Fiction Workshop"; and (6) "Editing with Enthusiasm." Contains a 130-item bibliography. (RS)

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